

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract.

An operating element $[[10]]$ with a settable operating characteristic for generating numerical control values A converts position signals P corresponding to the position of a linear sensor element $[[11]]$ into control values A using an assignment characteristic curve. Different assignment characteristic curves can be selected by means of a control quantity K . An arrangement for processing video or audio signals processes input signals S_{in} in accordance with a function $S_{out}(A, S_{in})$. The numerical control values A are fed by means of an operating element $[[10]]$ to the arrangement for processing video or audio signals.